



Press Release for May 5, 2023

What's New?

- The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m.
- Local Business Networking Breakfast: Local businesses are invited to join us on May 15th at 8am at the Florence Community Center for an information session provided by a panel of speakers. Find more information [here](#).
- Tennis & Tunes: Held on Thursday, May 18th at the H Kenneth Wilkie Memorial Park from 6pm – 8pm. Participate in the USTA free tennis activities or bring a blanket to enjoy live music from Big Frank Mirra and Mike Smith at the gazebo along the river.

1. Florence Township Water and Sewer

Florence Township Water Department routinely monitors for the presence of federal and state regulated drinking water contaminants. New Jersey adopted a standard, or MCL, for PFOA in 2020 and monitoring began in 2021. The MCL for PFOA is 0.014 parts per billion (ppb) and is based on a running annual average (RAA), in which the four most recent quarters of monitoring data are averaged. **On January 12, 2023 we received notice that the sample collected in December, 2022 was 0.0078 ppb and below the regulations. Since October, 2022 the water has remained in compliance; however, because the running average (4 quarters of testing) is over the DEP limits, we are required to send out a notification letter to the residents and businesses.** Florence Township has consulted with our water engineer and the DEP to develop a corrective action plan. We will continue to test the wells to ensure the safety of our residents. For more information, please contact David Lebak at (609)-499-2518.

For frequently asked questions and answers regarding PFOA Levels, please go to the township web-site main page, under "Departments" click on "Water and Sewer" scroll down and click on "PFOA Questions."

2. Recycling

The recycling center hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out our township website for Spring Cleaning & Recycling updates <https://florence-nj.gov/spring-recycling-update/>

3. Township Activities:

Health & Wellness: Weekly gentle fitness classes are held every Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Florence Community Center (69 Main Street)

Free Computer Classes: 4th Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Florence Community Center

Dungeons and Dragons: Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM at the Florence Community Center

Community CPR Training: 3rd Tuesday of the month starting in May from 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM at 401 Firehouse Lane, Florence, NJ 08518

Yin Yoga: Every Thursday from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Florence Community Center

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4. Fire District

The Florence Township Fire Department reminds you to have an escape plan and practice home fire drills.

5. Zoning and Planning Board Meeting

For the safety of our board members, professionals and the public, residents are encouraged to attend the meeting virtually. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's Home Page website www.florence-nj.gov. Zoom recordings are made available on the website (www.florence-nj.gov) the next day.

The Planning Board's Regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

The Zoning Board's Regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

6. Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee's Regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00PM (In-Person Front Conference Room).

7. Township Projects

The below projects have started. We apologize for any inconvenience these projects may cause the residents and thank you for your patience.

2022 Road Program:

The 2022 Road program is 90% complete. The bike trail crossing at Broad St. will have a lighted

pedestrian crossing installed. The contractor is waiting on materials. The contractor will also return in the Spring for some final clean-up and grass restoration.

9th Street:

The 9th Street project is 90% complete and waiting on some material for the pedestrian crossing at Olive St. and Cedar St. Please note, construction detours will be in effect as they finish the project in the coming days and weeks.

8. Police Department

If you have an emergency, dial 911. If it is a non-emergency requiring police response, call (609) 267-8300. The police lobby window will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you require police assistance, please use the yellow call box located by the Municipal Building Main Lobby doors. A police officer will subsequently be dispatched to handle your matter. Please see the Police Department website (<https://florence-nj.gov/public-safety/police/>) to obtain Police Reports, Handicap Placards or call (609) 499-3131.

9. Water Service Lines Letters

In July 2021, P.L.2021, Ch.183 (Law) was enacted, requiring all community water systems to replace lead service lines in their service area within 10 years. Under the law, Florence Township is required to notify customers, non-paying consumers, and any off-site owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when it is known or unknown, if they are served by a lead service line. A letter was sent out on 9/1/22 to those residents this new law may affect. Note that per C.58:12A-41, section 2, the definition of a lead service line now includes lead connectors (lead gooseneck, lead pigtail, or other lead fitting) and galvanized service lines. Our service line inventory is available at www.florence-nj.gov. A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet. In Florence Township, the service line is owned entirely by the property owner. The service line materials are [lead/galvanized/unknown]. Florence Township is developing a lead service line replacement program. If you are planning to replace your lead service line, contact us at (609) 499-2518 prior to replacement so that we can coordinate our efforts.

10. Municipal Offices

For the safety of our employees and the public, we encourage individuals to wear a mask while inside the municipal building, especially if you are not feeling well. We encourage the public to continue to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building for all payments, license renewals, construction permits, etc. Normal office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

11. Township Council Meetings

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 starting at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting in-person. Instructions for virtual attendance can be found on the Township's website (www.florence-nj.gov), on our Facebook page (Florence Township), or by calling the Township Clerk's Office at 609-499-2525, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or virtual, you can review the zoom recording of the meeting beginning the next day by going to the township website or the link posted on our Facebook page.

There are several ways to view the zoom recording:

1. Click on "Documents" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".
2. Click on "Government" tab, then click on "Recorded Zoom Meetings".
3. Click on "Documents" tab, click on "Agenda & Minutes", click on 2022 Township Council, and at the top of the page "Click Here to View Township Zoom Recordings"

12. Tax Bills and Water/Sewer Bills

Water and Sewer bills are due by May 31st. **Need help paying your water and sewer bills? The State LIHWAP program can help!** To apply, go to waterassistance.nj.gov or call NJ211. Payments can be made online www.florence-nj.gov or use the Drop Box located next to the trophy case in our front lobby. The Drop Box will be checked multiple times daily for your convenience. Payments must be check or money orders, NO CASH. Please provide a phone number with your payment and we will call to confirm payment was received. Please allow 48 hours for your payment to be posted to our online account portal. Feel free to call the office with any questions, 609-499-2525. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any documents left in the drop box will be processed and mailed back to residents as needed. The Drop Box is available 24/7 for resident's convenience

13. Construction Office

The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents and developers dropping off permits, plans, etc. are encouraged to use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Any questions, please call the Construction Office at (609) 499-2130.

14. Municipal Court

We encourage individuals paying tickets and/or fines to continue to pay on-line or use the drop box located inside the front entrance to the Municipal Building. Please contact the Court Office at (609) 499-2222 if you have any questions. The court office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

15. COVID Community Impact

If you would like additional information on COVID-19, please visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. Individuals

wishing to book appointments can visit NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Finder to get an appointment at locations throughout New Jersey at <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.

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